



Merry Lea

*Environmental Learning Center
of Goshen College*

Autumn Adventures

PreK

Program Description

Discover how animals and plants prepare for winter by observing evidence and using all 5 senses in the forests, meadows and wetlands at Merry Lea. Students think like a woodchuck, scamper like a squirrel, compare seeds' characteristics and more to experience how Indiana's wildlife is adapted to survive winter.

Program Objectives

Students will:

- Use their senses to explore the world around them
- Learn about life cycles and sequencing
- Discover what plants and animals are doing in the fall

Program Outline

1. Hike

Students head out on our trails to get a close-up view of what plants and animals are doing this time of year. They participate in age-appropriate scavenger hunts, games and other hands-on activities.

Vocabulary

- Senses
- Life Cycle
- Seeds
- Leaves
- Migrate
- Hibernate

Quick Facts

Season	Fall: September - November
Grades	PreK
Program Length	1.5 hours
Maximum # of Students	80 Students

Early Learning Foundations

SC2.2 Recognize seasonal and weather related changes. Communicate awareness of seasonal changes.

SC3.1 Demonstrate awareness of life. Compare attributes of living organisms. Ask questions and conduct investigations to understand life science.

SC5.1 Demonstrate scientific curiosity. Observe with a focus on details. Discuss ways that people can affect the environment in positive and negative ways.